

Roundtable Network of Consumer Advocates on Energy Membership Policy

1. Role

1.1 The Roundtable Network of Consumer Advocates on Energy (“Roundtable Network”) is an informal network of national and jurisdictional energy consumer advocates primarily focussed on policy dialogue and strategic collaboration.

2. Vision

2.1 The vision of the Roundtable Network is for people to have equitable access to energy that is affordable, dependable, and environmentally sustainable. The network provides a space to collaborate to strengthen policy and advocacy for households and communities to have equitable access to energy that is affordable, dependable and environmentally sustainable.

3. Membership

3.1 Members can be organisations or individuals.

3.2 Applications for membership are made by completing an online application form.

3.3 Membership applications are assessed by the Roundtable Network Steering Committee against the membership criteria.

3.4 The Roundtable Network Steering Committee may refuse membership to any applicant at its discretion.

3.5 The Roundtable Network Steering Committee may change the membership class of a member at its discretion.

4. Membership Categories

4.1 The categories of membership are:

- (1) Individual
- (2) Organisational
- (3) Associate

5. Membership Eligibility

5.1 Individual members include community/consumer advocates who are actively involved in work aligned to the vision of the Roundtable Network and able to contribute to capacity building and/or information sharing on energy issues affecting energy consumers.

5.2 Organisational members include not-for-profit or consumer/community-based member organisations, with a defined constituency and/or with some role in consumer energy advocacy. The constituency can be defined by membership or by a group’s constitution of purpose.

5.3 Associate members include organisations or individuals engaged in the energy sector with compatible views to the Roundtable Network, but not necessarily representing a constituency. Examples include researchers, consultants, think tanks, and academic institutions.

5.4 Organisations or individuals falling outside the membership criteria (e.g. such as government agencies, regulators, market institutions, energy businesses, industry and business associations) may be invited to participate in Roundtable Network activities on a case by case basis as observers.

6. Member roles, rights and responsibilities

6.1 Individual and organisational members will be eligible to:

- access NEMchat
- attend face-to-face Roundtable Network meetings
- receive funding support to attend face-to-face meetings
- lead/take part in enabling groups
- take part in other Roundtable Network events
- stand for election to the steering committee
- vote in steering committee elections
- receive specified communications from the Roundtable Network.

6.2 An associate member will be eligible to:

- access NEMchat
- attend Roundtable Network meetings on a case by case basis, but not receive funding to do so
- take part in enabling groups on a case by case basis
- take part in specified Roundtable Network events
- receive specified communications from the Roundtable Network.

7. Membership mechanisms

7.1 Membership is free.

7.2 Departure

7.2.1 It is expected that a member will resign from membership if they no longer meet the membership criteria, e.g. they leave relevant employment in energy advocacy from a consumer perspective or they pursue other interests.

7.2.2 If a member does not resign, the steering committee may withdraw membership on review.

7.3 Review and dispute

7.3.1 An applicant or member may ask for their membership status to be reviewed.

7.3.2 The review will be undertaken by an independent reviewer appointed by the steering committee.

7.3.3 Formal dispute mechanisms are in place to resolve issues around membership

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